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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

31*st meeting.* *March* 7, 1898.

Miss Elizabeth Bryant Johnston presented an unwritten communication on "The Personal Characteristics of George Washington," illustrating her remarks by exhibiting paintings and rare engravings of his portraits. Remarks were made by Col. Cutts, by Mr. Weller, who exhibited some early Washington portraits, and by Mrs. Beall, who exhibited a photograph of Washington's commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Provisional Army of 1798.

32*d meeting.* *April* 4, 1898.

Mr. W. B. Bryan read a paper entitled "Various Forms of Local Government in the District of Columbia;" discussed by Messrs. Weller, Kasson, Magruder, Busey, McGee, Baker, Looker, Davis and Miss Johnston.

33*d meeting.* *May* 2, 1898.

Col. James Madison Cutts read a paper entitled "The Life, Times, Character and Influence of Dolly Madison," and exhibited the last authentic likeness of his subject.

34*th meeting.* *November* 7, 1898.

Mrs. Jeannie Tree Rives contributed a paper entitled "Old Time Places and People in Washington." Dr. Samuel C Busey read one on "The History of Daguerreotypy in Washington." These papers were discussed by Messrs. Moore, Weller, Mills, Blount and Mrs. Beall. Mrs. A. H. Hobson exhibited a water-color sketch of Washington as it appeared at the beginning of the century, a copy from the original of Surveyor Nicholas King. Mr. S. C. Mills exhibited daguerreotypes of George Washington Parke Custis and Gen. John Anthony Quitman.

35*th meeting.* *December* 5, 1898.

Mrs. Virginia Campell Moore read a paper entitled "Reminiscences of Washington as Recalled by a Descendant of the

Ingle Family," and Mr. Justice Walter S. Cox one on "Efforts to Procure a Code of Laws for the District of Columbia." Discussed by Messrs. Kasson and Weller.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

36th meeting. *January* 9. 1899.

Mr. John Ball Osborne read a paper entitled "Removal of the Government to Washington;" and Mr. Edward L. Morse one on "The District of Columbia's Part in the Early History of the Telegraph." Discussed by Col. Blount. Reports of the Officers and Annual Elections.

37th meeting. *February* 6, 1899.

Mr. Hugh T. Taggart read a paper entitled "The Presidential Journey in 1800 from the Old to the New Seat of Government." Discussed by Messrs. Osborne, Kasson, Bryan, Weller and Hagner.

38th meeting. *March* 6, 1899.

Mr. William Henry Dennis read a paper entitled "History of the Register of Wills' Office." Discussed by Mrs. Belva Lockwood, Miss Johnston, Messrs. Weller, Taggart, Osborne, Morgan and Hagner. Mr. Walter C. Clephane read a paper on "Local Aspects of Slavery in the District of Columbia." Discussed by Mrs. Belva Lockwood, Messrs. Rhees, Looker, Weller, Lambert, Taggart and Blount. Mr. Taggart exhibited a copy of the Georgetown Weekly Ledger of March 12, 1791.

39th meeting. *April* 3, 1899.

Dr. Franklin T. Howe read a paper entitled "The Board of Public Works;" discussed by Messrs. Kasson, Cutts, Wilson, Blount and Weller. Dr. William Tindall read one on "Homes of the Local Government;" discussed by Messrs. Looker, Weller, Blount, Willard and Moore. The following letter was read and ordered spread on the minutes:

Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia.
Washnigton, March 7, 1899.

The President of the Columbia Historical Society.

DEAR SIR: At the next regular meeting of the Society, I wish to acknowledge my deep appreciation of the valuable aid of the Society in obtaining from Congress at this Session, just ended, the appropriation for providing fire-proof facilities for the Records in this office. The official letter from the Society on the subject was placed directly in the hands of Senator Allison, who doubtless insisted on the retention, in the District Appropiation bill, of this meritorious item. I take great pleasure in submitting this written acknowledgment of the good work done.

Very respectfully,
HENRY B. LOOKER,
Surveyor of the D. C.

40*th meeting.* *May* 1, 1899.

Marcus Benjamin, Ph. D., read a paper entitled "Braddock's Rock: A Study in Local History;" discussed by Miss Johnston, Messrs. Taggart, Hagner and Kasson. Miss Virginia Miller read one on "Some Recollections of the City in Former Years;" discussed by Prof. McGee.

All the meetings enumerated in the above were held in the Banquet Hall of the Shoreham.